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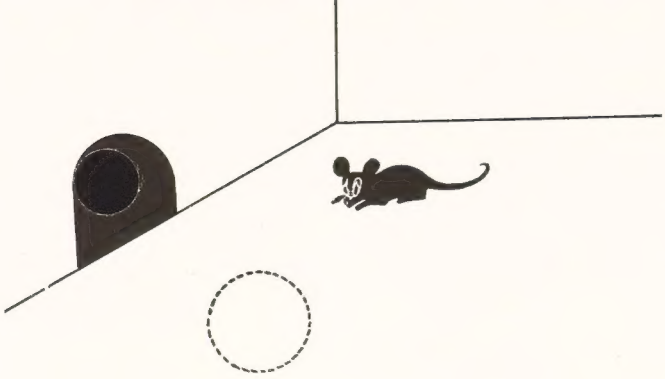

ONE blind mouse! One blind mouse! To have some fun, place the tip of your nose in the small dotted circle (below and between the hole and the mouse at the left), being careful to hold the book level in front of your face. Open both eyes—and WATCH THE MOUSE. If nothing happens at first, keep on watching —and something WILL happen.

(P. S. We don't know why, either.)

Are you a Do you think the is going to the Are you in the Has your boss Has your wife to mother?

Don't worry any more.

The have landed. You'll soon be

Meet the editors of They're just as as they look. The only reason they put out was to make the run so they could watch the go round. Someplace along the line got into the paper.

The result is the slogan, "the book with the hole in it."

If you don't like you can for the It's all their fault.

If you do like tell your friends. You can if you wish.

is trying to do ings.

To prove there is nothing wrong with the a laugh can't cure.

To prove that all aren't in

Remember, a good laugh is worth a anytime!

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LEONARD CARRON
BILL CHAMPE
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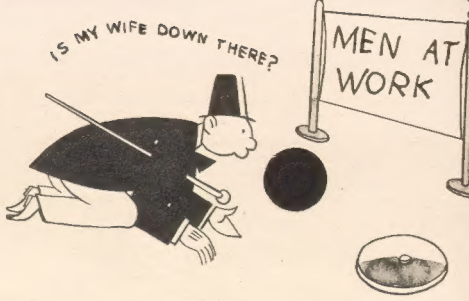
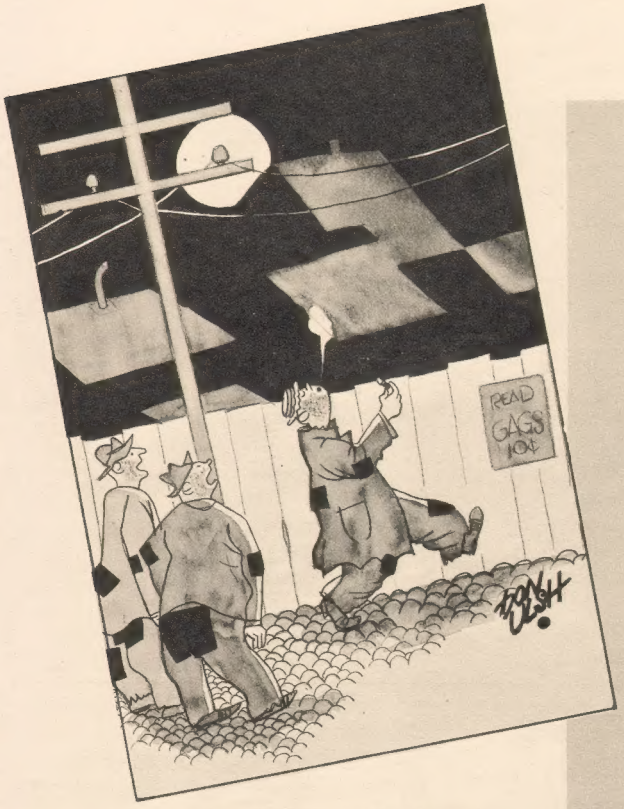
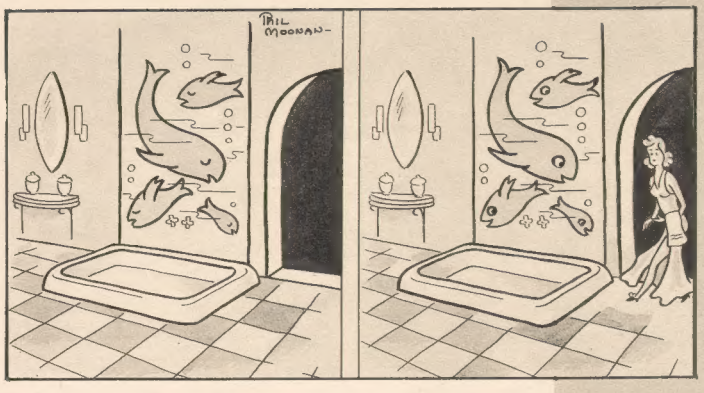
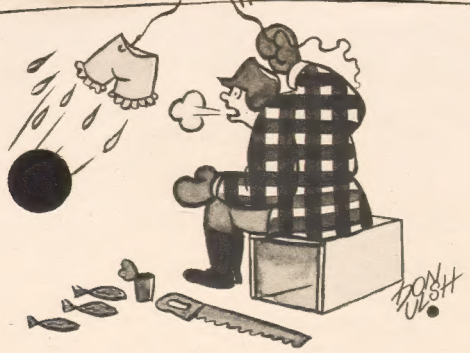




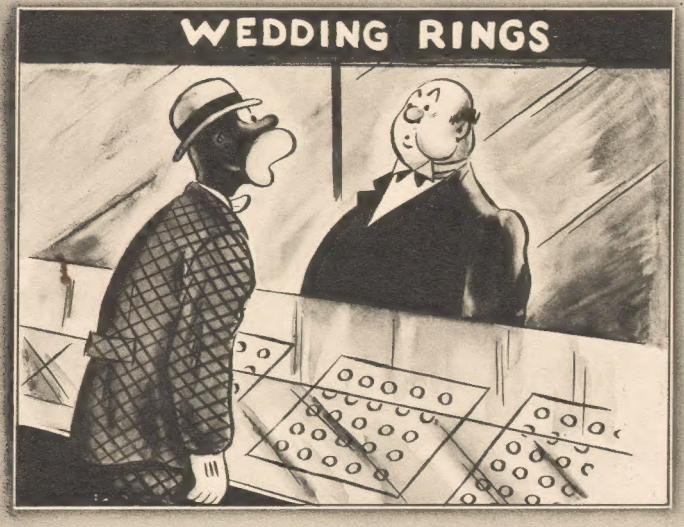
"He's been acting like that ever since somebody asked HIM for a dime for a cup of coffee"

"Seems to me you're being very faithful with your morning exercises since television came in!"



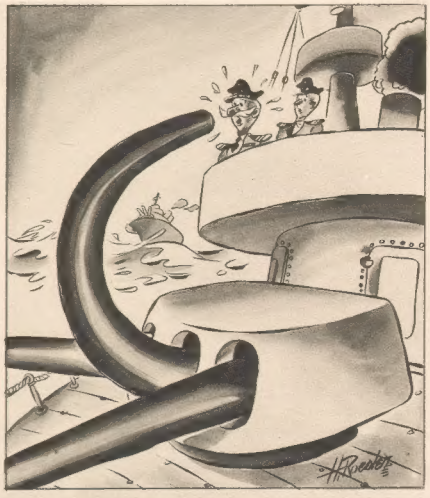


"I'm sorry for what I said, Elsie. Can't we elope before you go home to mother?"

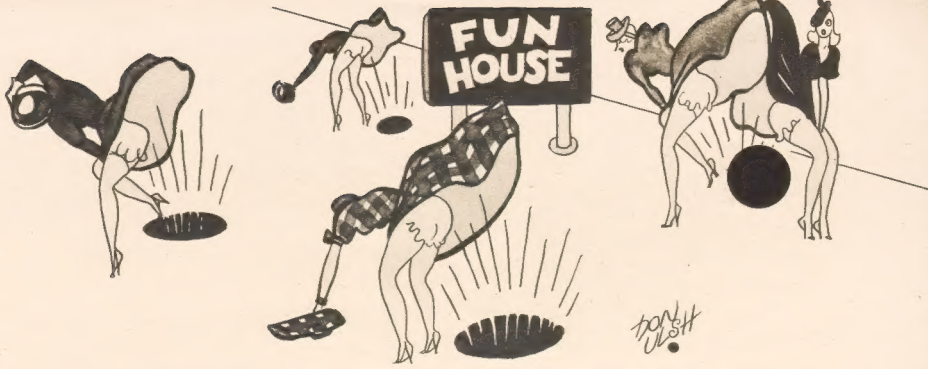


"Got one that won't wear out on a washboard?"

"But boss—it'll be great for scarin' cows off the track"



"Gad, Tinsley! Do you suppose it's mutiny?"



"Looka th' Pandas, Looka th' Pandas, Looka th' Pandas . . . I'M GOING NUTS!"

"All ashore that's going WHERE?"

"That's the gang from the boarding house where I live"

"Charlie's gettin' jittery about submarines"

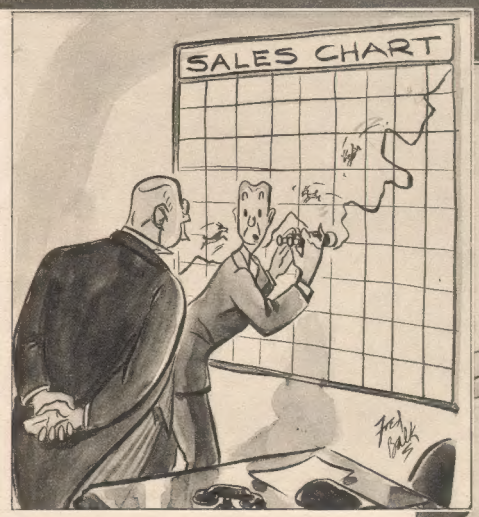
"I know it saves money, dear, but somehow it doesn't seem the same"

Fred Allen's Favorite Gag

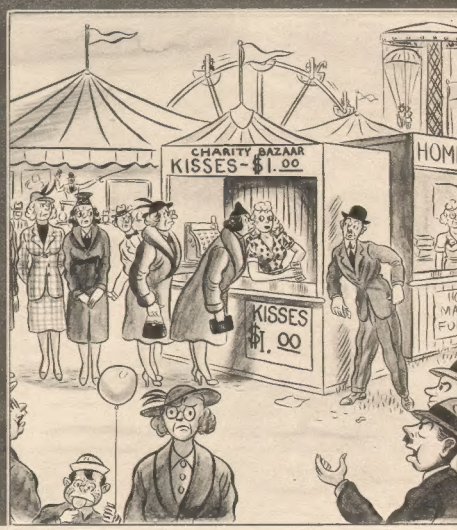
Fred Allen is heard over CBS at 9 p.m. EST each Wednesday night; his current picture is Paramount's "Love Thy Neighbor"

Minerva Pious delivered a line on a Star Theater program that brought the audience rolling into the aisles. She was impersonating an aged and little-known actress whose plaint was, "Thirty years in the theater, young man, thirty years in the theater, and the men used to follow me into Delmonico's begging to drink wine from my slipper."

When I asked her why, she said: "Because I wore a 9½ slipper. It held more than Bernhardt's!"



"Mountain goats, sir!"



"They've been monopolizing Miss Devere all day—the wives say they won't have their husbands kissing her!"

Al Pearce's Favorite Gag

Al Pearce is heard over CBS at 7:30 p.m. EST each Friday night.

A couple of drunks were driving along a country road late at night. Spoke up one of them, "We mush be coming into a town."

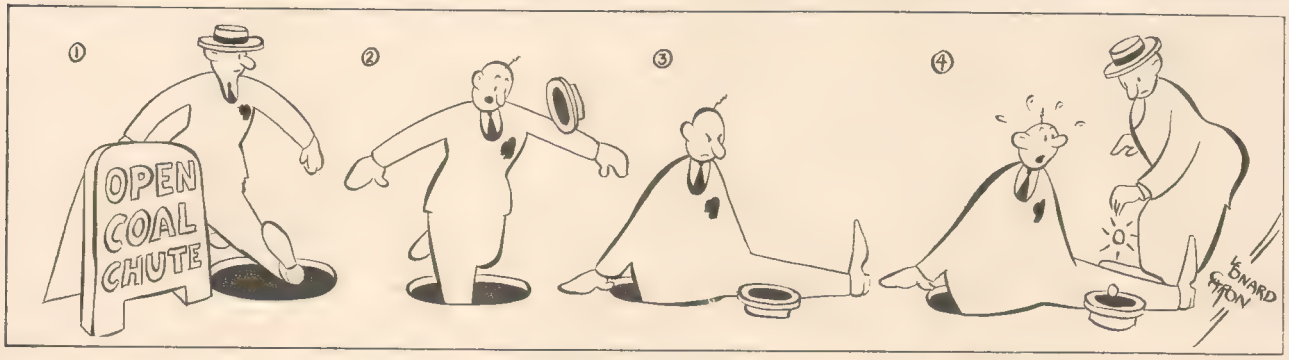
"I don't shee no town," answered his friend. "What makes you think sho?"

"Cause," explained his pal, "we're hitting more people!"

"Come, come, girls, get your duds off . . . this is a DRESS rehearsal!"

IS MY WIFE IN THERE?
D.S.C.
"Darling, I just came from the beauty parlor. Do you notice anything different?"
JIMM CABORN
Hal Sherman

"SEND THE BATTER UP!"
BASEBALL GAME TODAY



"Don't mind my husband. His studio could allow him to slip away from the set only long enough for the ceremony"

Groucho Marx' Favorite Gag

Groucho Marx and his brothers have recently completed the picture, "Go West," for M-G-M.

There's one story I never tire of telling and never hear often enough. It's the old one about the hard-of-hearing American who, after making his fortune, decided to tour Europe. Starting in rural England, he paused one day to listen to the bells of a small church near Avon noted for its chimes.

While he was listening the rector came out of the church and noticed him, also recognizing him as an American tourist by his clothes.

"Those bells were forged by the Normans in the Fourteenth Century," he explained, eager to be of help to the visitor. "They are of great historic value."

"What'd you say?" asked the American, cupping one hand to his ear.

"I said those bells were forged by the Normans in the Fourteenth Century and have great historic value," repeated the clergyman. "They are toned so peculiarly that they can never be duplicated."

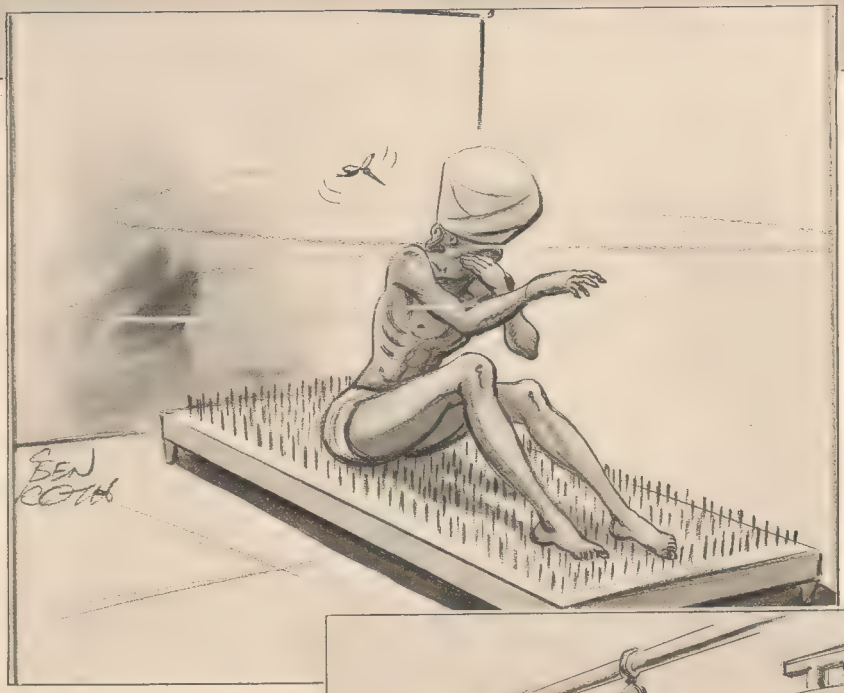
The American shrugged and dropped his hand. "Sorry, Father," he said. "Those awful bells are making such a racket that I can't hear a word you say."

Abbott and Costello's Favorite Gag

Abbott and Costello will soon be seen in the Universal picture, "Buck Privates"

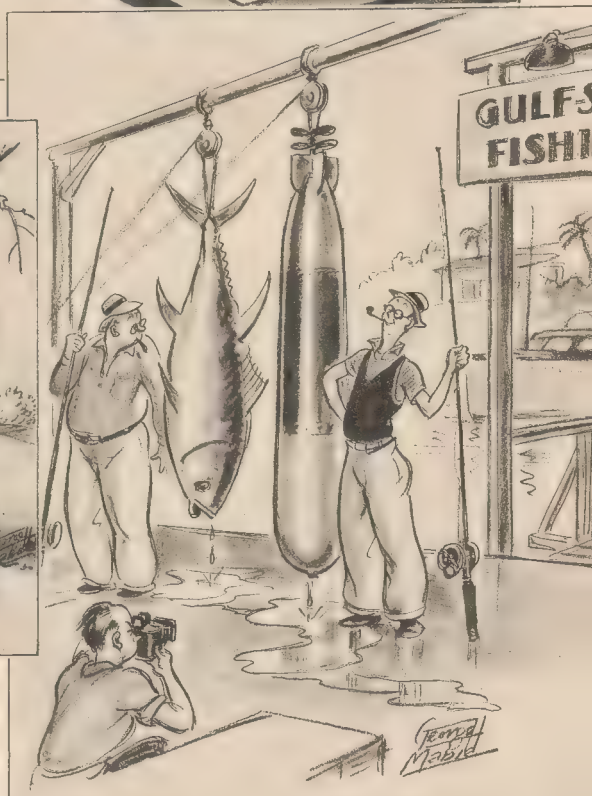
The favorite yarn of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello concerns a famous actor who married his leading lady. After five years of married life the wife sued him for divorce, charging cruelty. After the necessary papers were filed and the actor duly notified, the case was called to court.

When the plaintiff was called to testify, the judge asked her what her charge of cruelty was based on. The actress-wife replied that during their five years of married life the actor had spoken to her only five times. The judge immediately granted her a divorce and awarded her custody of the five children.

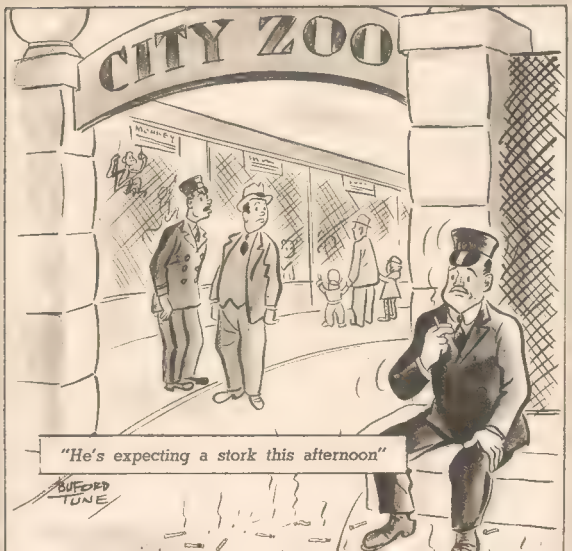


"I tried sleeping on my stomach last night"

"Peanut shells! More peanut shells! Where's your civic pride?"



"Dallas has rigged himself up a recreation room in the basement"



IS MY WIFE IN THERE?
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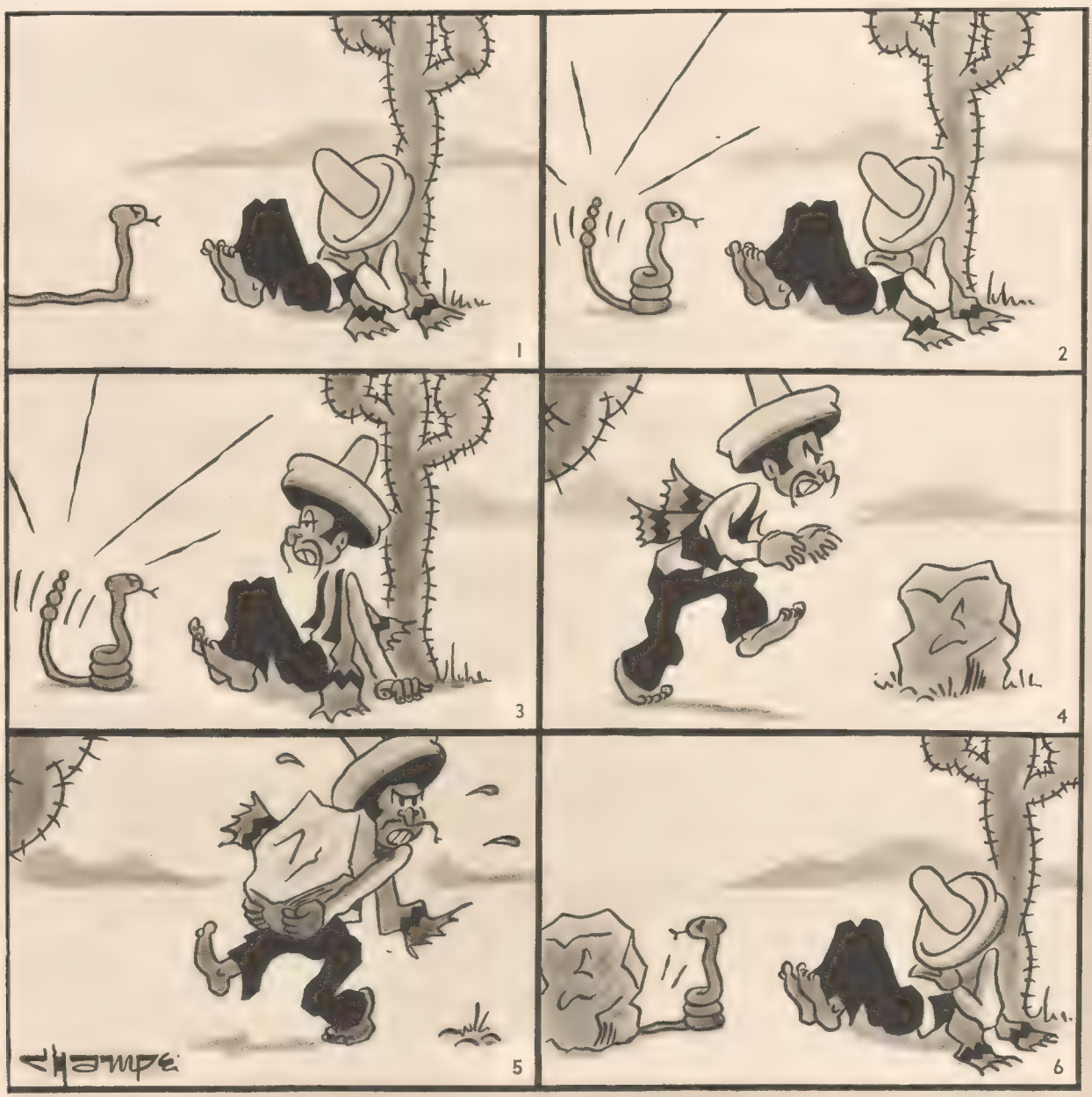
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Leon Errol's Favorite Gag

Leon Errol stars with Lupe Velez in RKO's "Mexican Spitfire" pictures

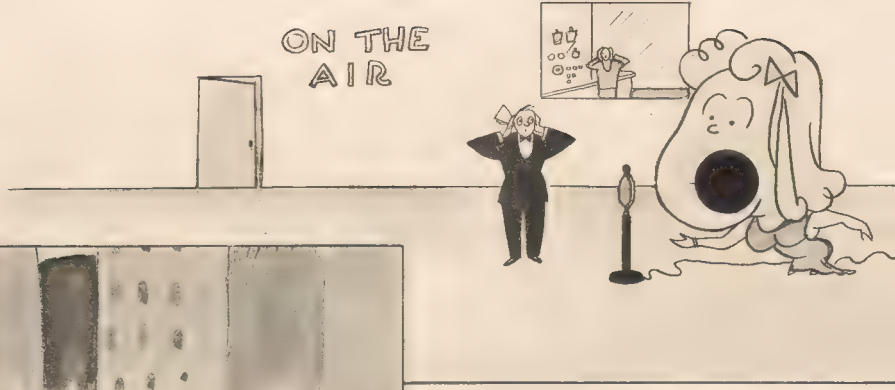
One of my friends has a grandmother in the family who loves sweets but who has to pay the consequences whenever she indulges in candies, cakes and jams. Such dainties always make her quite ill. Recently she ate the better part of a two-pound box of chocolate candy. By four o'clock that afternoon she was in the hospital. An influenza epidemic had filled most of the beds and the only place for Grandmother was in the maternity ward.

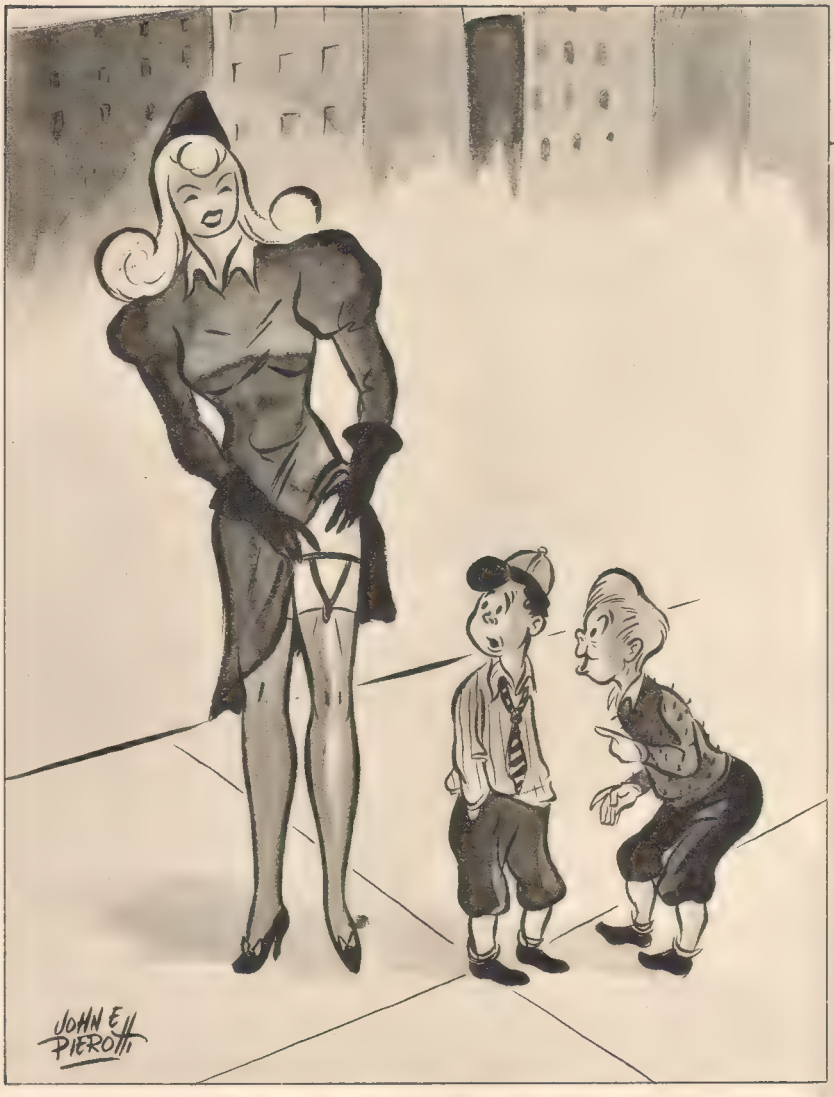
Betty, the six-year-old in the family, was left in the waiting-room. An expectant father looked startled when he saw the elderly woman rolled into the maternity ward.

"What are they taking your grandmother in there for?" asked the young man.

"Well," replied the six-year-old, "Mother told me Granny had been indiscreet again!"

"Hah! A full house —three threes and a pair of nines. That's another million bucks you owe me"





"Boy, what a slingshot THAT would make!"

Bob Burns' Favorite Gag

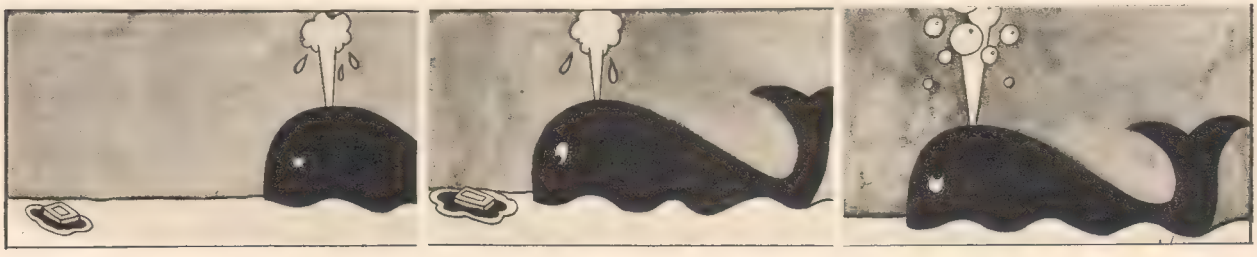
Bob Burns is heard on NBC at 9 p.m. EST each Thursday night.

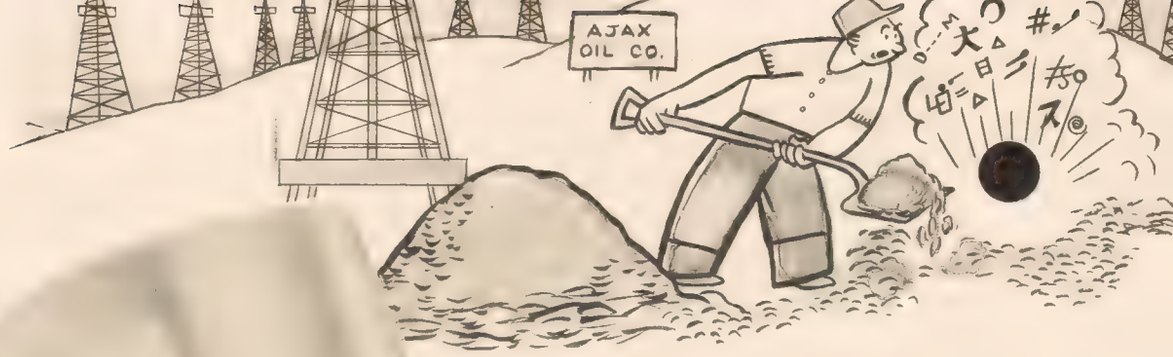
The other day Bob Burns got a letter from a lady down in Arkansas. She said she'd been living in Arkansas all her life, and she'd never seen any of these people he talks about over the radio, and she also said if there were any such people in Arkansas she'd like to know where to find them. Well, Bob sat right down and wrote her a letter, and here's what he said:

"Dear Lady:

"If you want to see the kind of people I talk about, here's just how you get there. You get on the train at Van Buren, you get off at Mountainburg, then you get in an automobile and you head due north on the first road you come to. Stay right on that road until the stumps get too high for the car, then switch to a buggy. Then you stay right on that road until it starts narrowing down. When it gets too narrow for the buggy, then you get on a horse and go just as far as you can. When you can't get no further, you get off the horse and swing in on a grapevine.

"Sincerely yours,
"Bob Burns."





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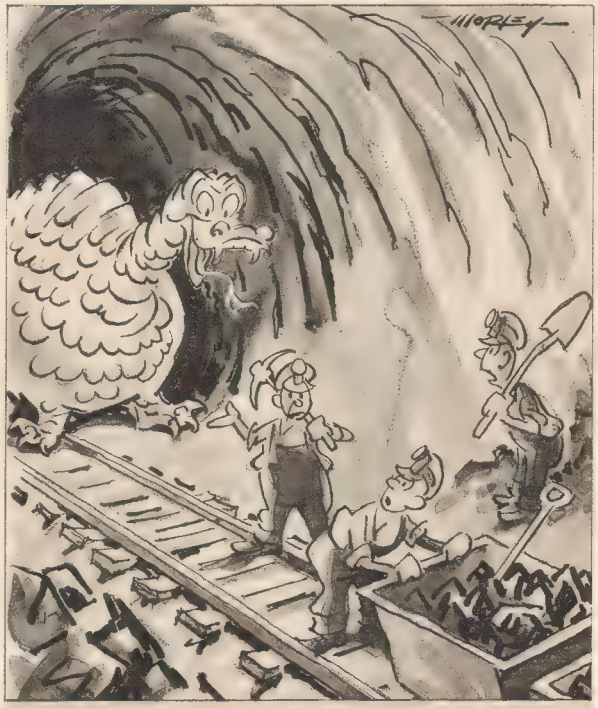
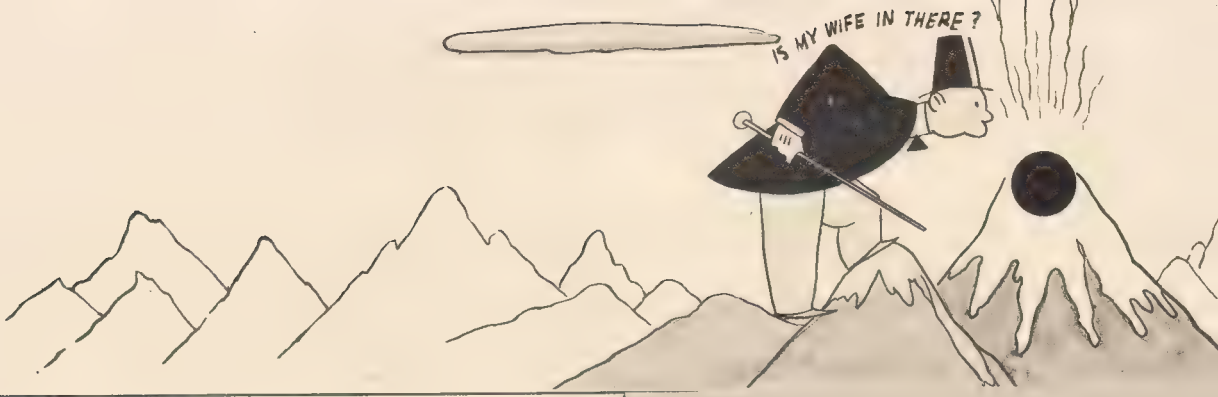


"I'm afraid to show it to the foreman. He might think I've been drinking!"



DOWN MEMORY LANE

BY JOE COOK

(Star of "It Happens on Ice")

As I look around me today I see very few of the real old-timers. I mean men and women who were in this neighborhood when I first settled here years ago. Who remembers when on this very site formerly stood the old Polo Grounds? Well, folks, just as I thought, I am the only one who knows that. And I don't mean the old Polo Grounds. I mean the O-O-OLD Polo Grounds.

Well, sir, some seventy-two odd years ago this coming Wednesday, we played the deciding game of the season. There were only three cities in the league at that time—New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco. We used San Francisco to break our jump between New York and Philadelphia. A million people were at the game that day. I wouldn't be exaggerating if I said there were less than a million.

Just to give you an idea of the size of the grounds: Home plate was right here in Times Square, and the center-field bleachers, if I am not mistaken, and I probably am mistaken, were over in Jersey City. It was in the ninth inning. The score was tied, five to three, in favor of us. We needed six runs to win. Babe Ruth's grandfather was pitching. I was playing second base and right field, as I was too good for one position. We have four men on base—two men on second, one a little short guy the umpire couldn't see.

My manager says to me: "Mr. Spalding" (I went under the name of Spalding in those days; saved me autographing baseballs), he says, "you're next at bat." So I turned to our bat boy, little Gerry Nugent, and says, "Gerry . . ." He says, "What is it, Mr. Delehanty?" (I went under the name of Delehanty for some time.) I says, "Bring me my bat." So Gerry and three other fellows carried my bat over for me. I used a telegraph-pole for my bat in those days. I was very tall at one time but I have been out in the rain.

Well, sir, I crouched down in that well-known pose of mine; the ball comes sailing over the pan. I land into the old apple and she goes sailing out right over center-field fence, and at that I topped the ball.

I started for first base. The crowds were hollering: "Hurrah for Weber" (they knew me under the name of Weber). The fans were cheering, bands playing, the King and Queen throwing kisses to me. The railroads started running excursions into the park. The crowd started to throw money at me. I picked up over $9,000 on my way to first base alone and put it in an old steamer-trunk I always carried on my back when I ran bases.

I light out for second base—third, fourth, fifth, sixth—this was a double-header we were playing—and just as I am sliding home the umpire, Daniel Boone—Daniel Boone was umpiring—yells out: "Foul Ball!"

Well, sir, you wouldn't give a cent for me at that moment. I rushed up to him, threw off my overcoat—we always played in our overcoats—and there I stood in my bathing-suit. I got off my bicycle and says: "Hey! Where do you get off to call that a foul when I hit the ball to center field." And he says: "Yes, but you hit the ball over the center fielder's head."

Of course, he had me there. I couldn't answer that. This disaster so discouraged me with baseball that I tore down the old park one night.

"It's to the milkman. I want him to leave an extra quart tomorrow morning, but I don't know how to word it"

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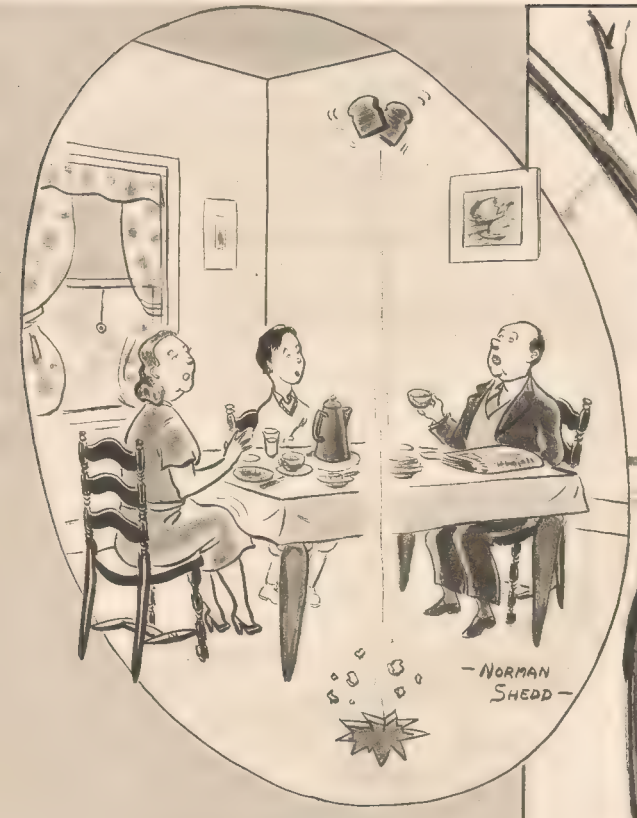
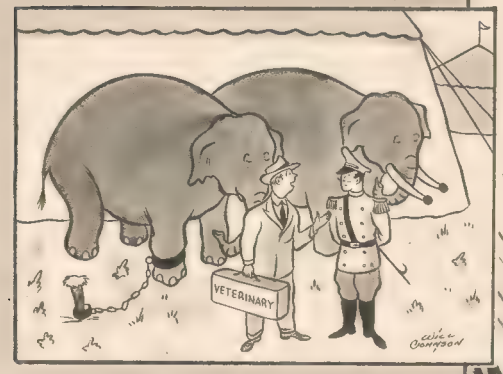


"I warned those people downstairs to take some of the spring out of their toaster!"



"Well, you'll soon be hearing the patter of little feet"

IS MY WIFE IN THERE?
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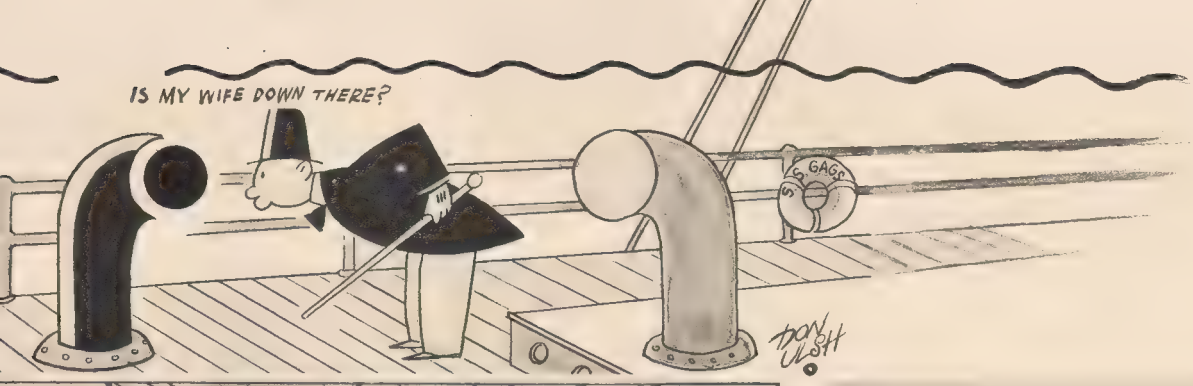

"Watch your hat, Mister?"

Ann Sothern's Favorite Gag

Ann Sothern, star of the "Maizie" series, is now appearing in the M-G-M picture, "Maizie Was a Lady"

My favorite story concerns a little boy—and I think it will always be my favorite because I know just how he felt.

This little boy was always late to school. His mother finally told his father, and his father told this little boy that if it happened again he would get a good thrashing. Little boy promised to be on time, but the next morning the road to school had so many diversions—flowers, birds, fancy rocks, and a hundred and one things to distract little boys. Then suddenly realizing he had only a few minutes to get to school on time—he started to pray: "Oh, please, God, make me on time—oh, please, God, don't let me be late—oh, please, God, hurry me up."

Just then he tripped on a rock, fell head over heels into the dirt. He got up, brushed himself off, looked skyward and hissed:

"Well, gee whizz, you didn't have to push me!"

"Look, Daddy, you said nobody could do it!"

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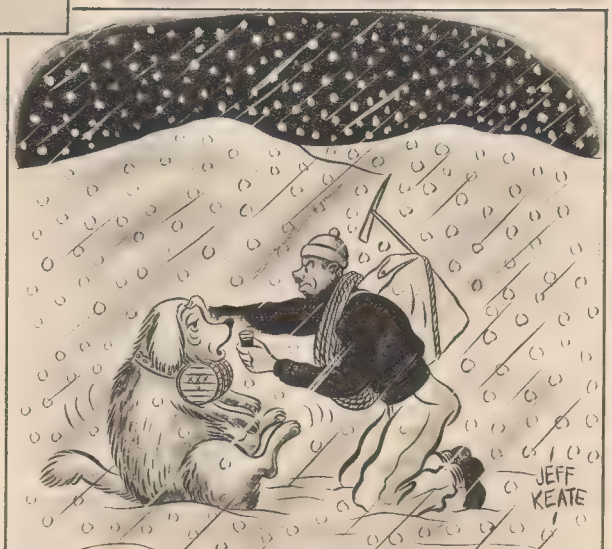


Jack Benny's Favorite Gag

Jack Benny's program is heard on NBC at 7:00 p.m. EST each Sunday night; his current picture is Paramount's "Love Thy Neighbor"

Last year, when the Benny troupe was due to go to Miami, Florida, Eddie Anderson (Rochester) became very worried about what kind of reception he would receive in the South. The colored comedian brooded over his imagined trouble and finally, when he could stand it no longer, went to NBC star Jack Benny.

"Would you," said Eddie, "write me a letter I could sort of carry around with me in Miami in case I need some sort of identification or something?"

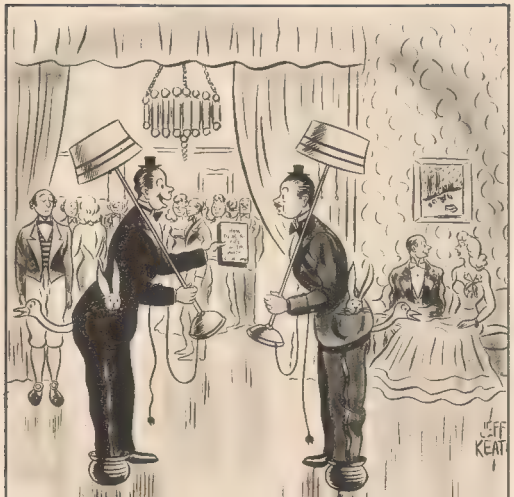
"What for?" asked Jack.

"Well," responded Eddie, "I'd kinda like to know that I got some moral support in my pocket."

"Okay," responded the irrepressible Benny, "I'll do it on one condition."

"What's that, Mr. Benny?"

"I'll write you a letter for protective reasons if you'll promise to write me one in case I ever go to Berlin."



"Here's that book on 'How to Be the Life of the Party' you loaned me, Tyson"

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"I don't care if your wife's pie crust is harder than steel . . . it's against regulations!"

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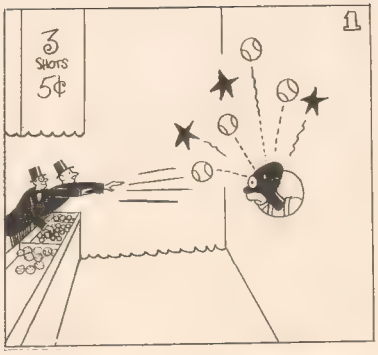
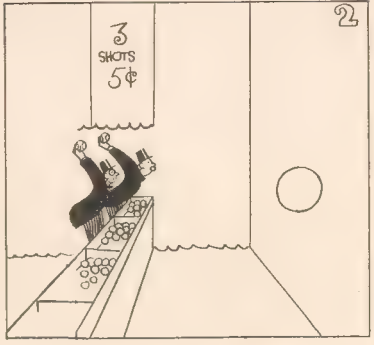
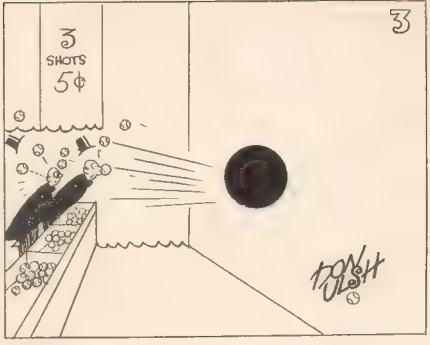


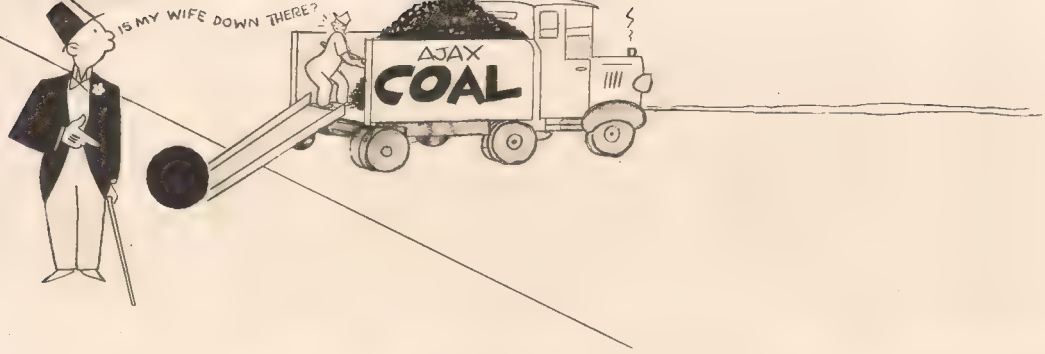


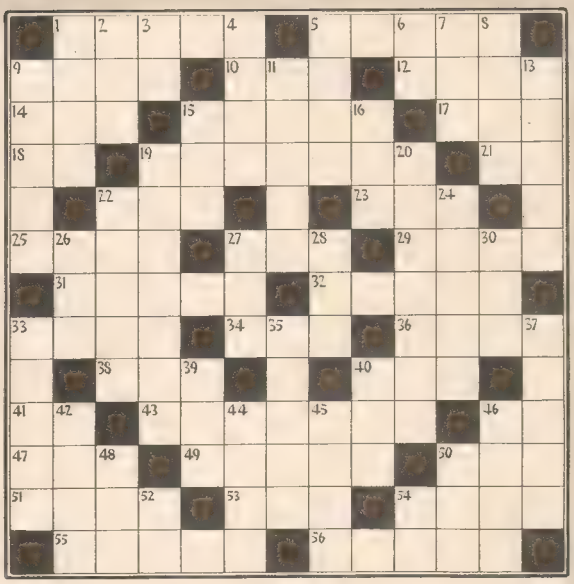


"Hello . . . chief? Send the wagon. I think I've got something here!"

"Stop staring at me like that, Harkins! Help Mr. Winston find his collar-button!"

"I was puttin' toilet-water on my hair . . . and the lid fell on me!"





GAGS' CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

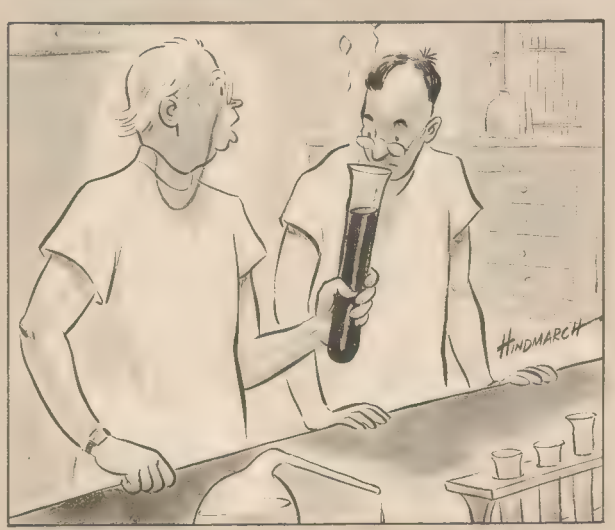
1. True or ——
5. It sure is thick
9. Spooky canal
10. A friend (French)
12. Something live-wires have
14. This goes to the head of all Scotchmen
15. What a phony puts on
17. This bird looks like an ostrich
18. Man's nickname
19. Hoss opera
21. The way asthma gets started
22. What a newlywed's dinner comes from
23. Still
25. This one's over your head
27. Something nice about a sweetie
29. Flat ——
31. Pastry with an inferiority complex
32. Ham ——
33. Come out and say it
34. Duty to your country
36. You can't pull these shades down
38. The dish family
40. It's risky to do this
41. Many answers will be found for this one
43. To bear pain (excuse, please). It stinks, too!
46. A Joe Louis habit (abbr.)
47. Bear this in mind, he's young
49. This belongs to some bird
50. Say it with flowers—but not with this
51. Once a big gun in imperial Russia
53. What most men think they are
54. This should cause some merriment
55. Foot traveler
56. What did he do when he woke up (Look out for this one)

VERTICAL

1. This is a riot!
2. What they do before shooting it out
3. The beginning of Lent
4. Listening-in devices
5. Some people can actually do this in a night-club
6. Old maid's "yes"
7. Feminine and very, very personal
8. Your old aunt
9. Ticket to dreamland
11. It's a machine
13. She grew up with a flowery black eye
15. Land alive! It's swampy
16. Go ahead make an attempt
19. Pancakes with a superiority complex
20. A negative
22. Carried to Newcastle
24. Some poor fish will get hooked here
26. Butcher, baker, candlestick maker
27. What is Venus de Milo?
28. "—— no difference who you are" (excuse, please)
30. Crude stuff
33. Refers to land
35. You may be this of my eye, but to me you're only appealing!
37. "And to add fuel to flames"
39. We dug this king up
40. Poor man's roll
42. Mud with the juice squeezed out
44. We'll put a little light on the subject
45. You can't sharpen your wits on it
46. Name a joint that hasn't been closed yet
48. Kind of tender that is legal in the U. S.
50. The same
52. This is the end of Vera
54. Motorists' favorite sign

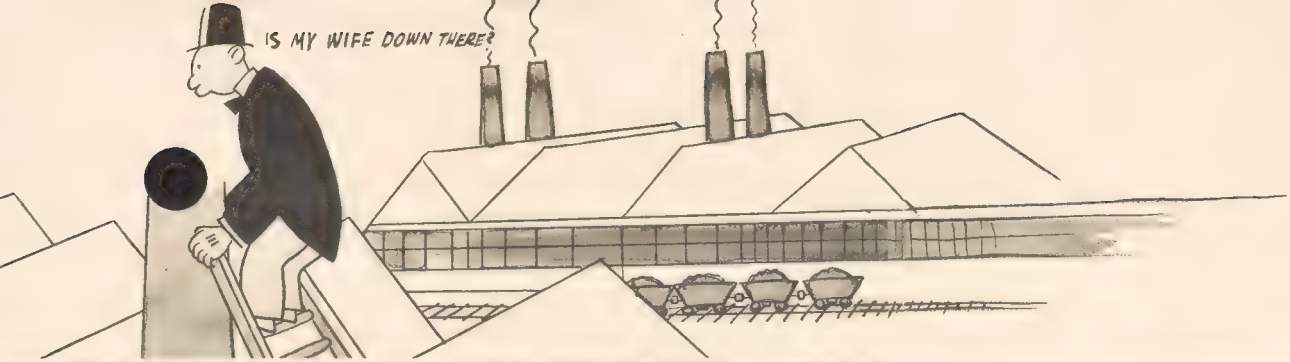
(Answer on Page 30)

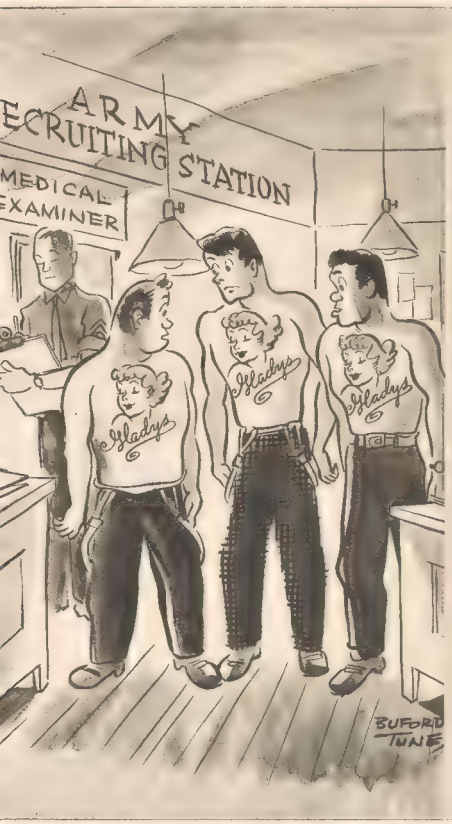
"The engineers never used to pay any attention to the signals"



"Personally, I think it stinks"

"Maw—look over here! Our boy jus' took his first step"





George Burns' Favorite Gag

George Burns and Gracie Allen are heard on NBC at 7:30 p.m. EST each Monday night.

It seems that George and Gracie decided one night, during a very hot spell, to skip the evening meal. Gracie, however, felt that she wouldn't feel right without at least making a stab at eating, so they decided to sit down at the table and just pretend. They sat down as usual, and went through the motions of dishing out various and sundry foods, and all went well until it came time for the coffee.

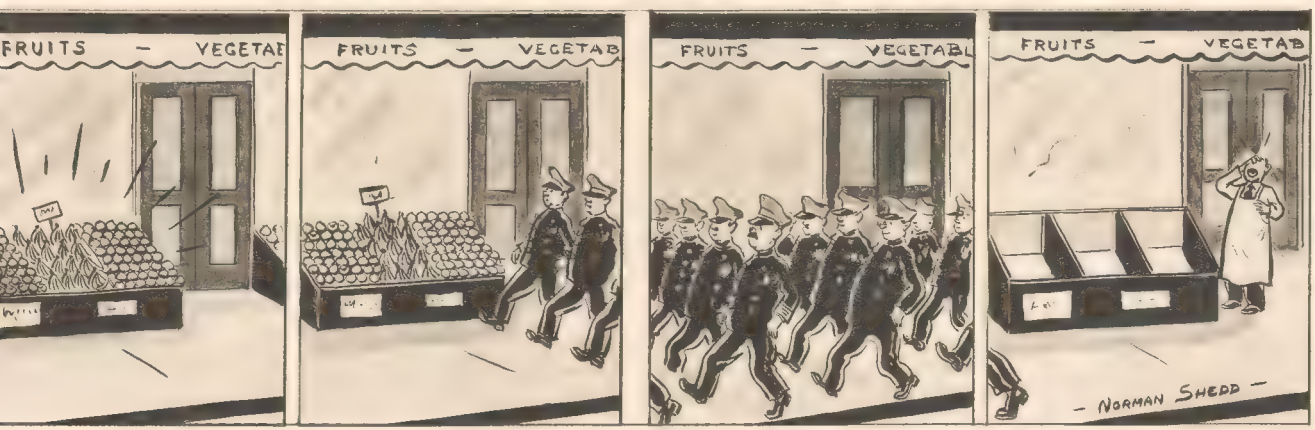
"Pass me the sugar, George," said Gracie. George went through the motions of passing the sugar, and Gracie pretended to put the nonexistent sugar in the still more nonexistent coffee.

"Pass me the cream, George."

George passed the cream and then was amazed to see Gracie cough and sputter.

"What's the matter, Gracie," he said.

"Oh, George," she responded, "the cream's sour."



"Sure, it'll grow hair on a billiard ball—but that's ALL it'll do!"

Bob Hope's Favorite Gags

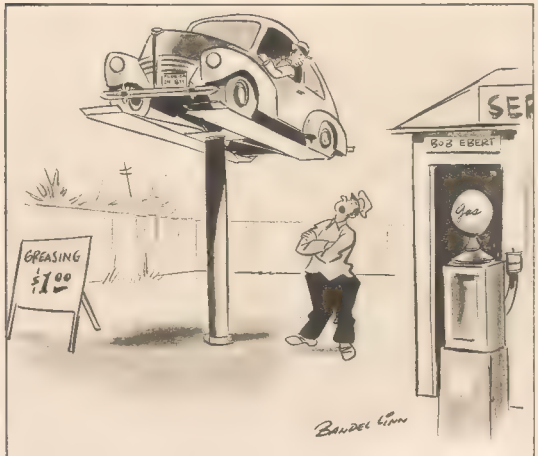
Bob Hope's program is heard on NBC at 10 p.m. EST on Tuesday nights; his latest picture is Paramount's "Road to Zanzibar"

"I know a girl who has such a long nose she can push a doorbell and peek over the transom at the same time."

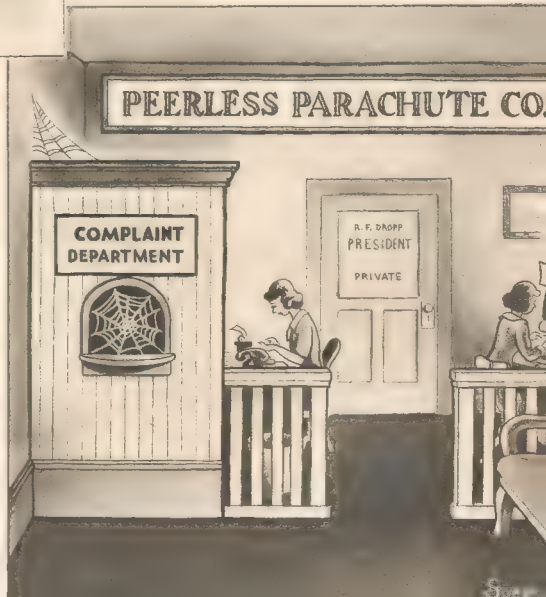
"One day I invited a bunch of musicians over to my house for dinner. Those musicians were the hungriest gang of guys I ever saw. When there wasn't anything left in sight to eat, one of them grabbed my shoe. I tried to stop him but he put up his hand and said: 'Too late, I've already got gravy on it'."

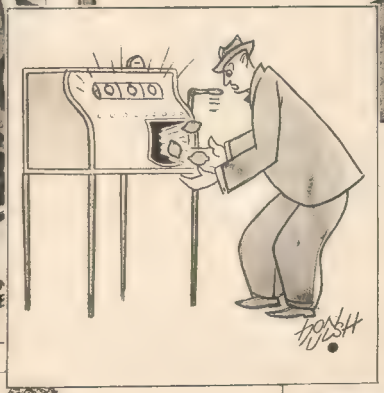
"Bing Crosby is so wealthy he doesn't have to pay any income tax—he just asks the Government how much it needs."

"I have to pay income tax. Last year I paid a dollar too much, and instead of returning the money, Morgenthau sent me a bag of cement left over from Boulder Dam."



"How about that little bill you owe me?"





"Tell me about joining the Marines"

Answer to Gags' cross-word puzzle (on page 26)

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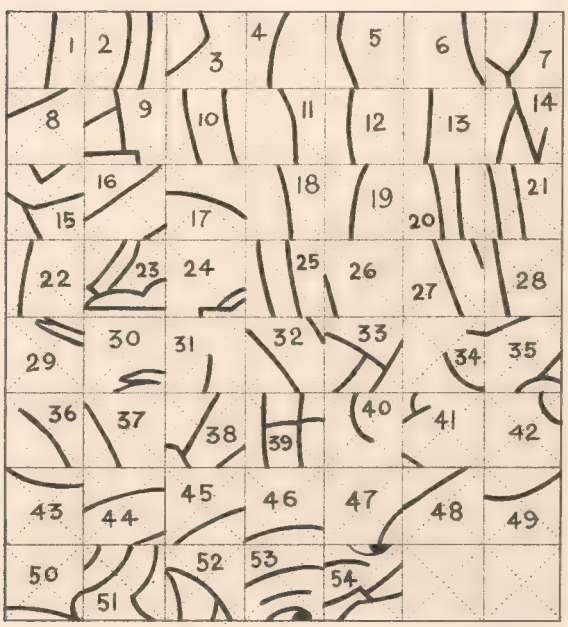
"The doctor says I need a hobby!"



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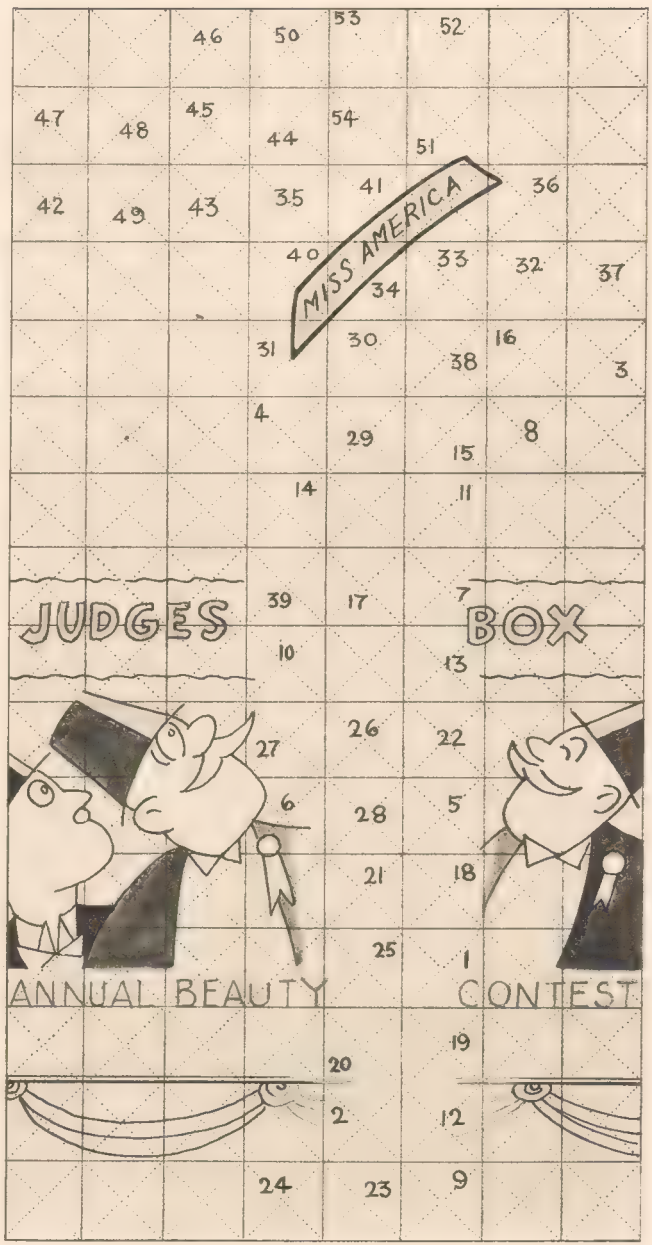
TO SOLVE the Gagadoo, simply copy the lines drawn above in the identically numbered squares on the large panel, right. (Find square number one above and transfer the lines shown there into square number one of the large panel at right. Continue until all numbered squares are filled in.) The exactness with which you copy the lines onto the large panel will govern your solution of the Gagadoo. After you have completed it, to compare yours with the original, simply cut out the squares on the panel above and arrange them as numbered on the panel at right. Check result against yours.



HEY DOC
IS MY WIFE
IN THERE?
H. Roesler

HEAVY RAINS
SWEEP NORTH
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